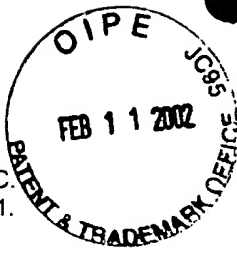


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Sir:

Enclosed with this paper is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/EP00/02366) for the related PCT application.

No fees are believed to be due. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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